**Jesus Christ is the Gospel of John**

* Author is “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” (21:20)
* He is an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ
* Believed to be the Apostle John
* Written by the year 100 AD
* Written for Jews and Jewish Christians in the Mediterranean world
* Positive depiction of Samaritans point to them being part of the audience
* “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31
* Features only in John-
  + Several trips to Jerusalem
  + Cleansing of the temple at the beginning
  + Wedding at Cana and Mary by the Cross
  + No Last Supper
* Book of magnificent beauty and artistry
* Focus on the heavenly identity of Jesus
* Focus on communion with the Father and each other
* The Trinity is the main mystery revealed in the fourth Gospel
  + The Father sends the Son
  + The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit
  + The Son reveals the heart of the Father
  + Deep union between all three persons
* The Human family also plays a role
  + Children of men are invited to become children of God
  + This new life begins with a spiritual rebirth in Baptism
  + Nourished with His food, the Eucharist
  + Formed in the Truth and let by the Spirit
  + Christ models Divine Sonship
  + Obey the commands of the Father
  + He returns to the Father

The Seven Signs

* Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1-11 - "the first of the signs"
* Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46-54
* Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1-15
* Feeding the 5000 in John 6:5-14
* Jesus walking on water in John 6:16-24
* Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1-7
* The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45